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SUBJECT: BELGIAN REACTION TO ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC MEASURES.

1. FONMIN DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS LEBRUN TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 27 THAT LETTER TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONCERNING OFFICIAL BELGIAN POSITION ON RECENT ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC MEASURES IS READY FOR PRIME MINISTERS LEBURTON'S SIGNATURE AND WILL BE SENT SHORTLY. LEBRUN SAID LETTER GENERALLY FOLLOWS STATEMENT MADE BY LEBURTON BEFORE PARLIAMENT DECEMBER 21 BUT IS "MORE DIRECT."

2. IN PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT LEBURTON SAID THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD EXAMINED ZAIRIAN MEASURES ON BASIS OF EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS PREPARED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY. (FYI. FONMIN STUDY PRESUMABLY IS ONE ON WHICH LEBRUN BASED HIS COMMENTS TO AF/C DIRECTOR COHEN DECEMBER 11. SE BRUSSELS 7258. END FYI.)

3. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT DISCLOSE COUNCIL'S DECISION, LEBURTON SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN GUIDED BY FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A) RESPECT FOR TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP OF JUNE 29, 1970 IN WHI** BELGIUM AND ZAIRE AGREED TO COLLABORATE, CONSULT ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST, AND CARRY OUT REGULAR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. B) UNQUESTIONED RIGHT OF ZAIRE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ASSURE CONTROL OF ITS OWN ECONOMIC LIFE. C) NECESSITY*FOR*MEASURES AFFECTING LEGITIMATE BELGIAN INTEREST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY*EQUITABLE COMPENSATIO*.

4. LEBURTON*PROMISE* TO MAKE FULL*DISCLOSURE OF GOB DECISION AT APPROPRIATE TIME. LEBRUN TOLD EMBOFF THAT *FULLER STATEMENT*NT CONFIDENTIAL
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